There are 3 times you uses a **semicolon:**

**1)  to separate 2 independent clauses (could be their own sentence) that are not joined by a conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so).**

**Example:  Keith is captain of the squad; Eric is manager.**

**2) before an adverb (therefore, however, so, consequently)  that joins 2 independent clauses.**

**Example:  Lisa is allergic to milk; consequently, she has to follow a special diet.**

**3)  to separate items in a series that are already separated by commas, but need further clarification.**

**Example:  People came from Berkeley,  California; Eugene, Oregon; Houston, Texas; and San Diego, California.**

**In the following sentences, insert semicolons wherever necessary.**

**1.  The contestants came from Dubuque, Iowa Memphis, Tennessee and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.**

**2.  I got all dressed up for the party however, my best friend wore jeans.**

**3.  Our school is overcrowded consequently, a new wing will be added.**

**4.  My father is an accountant my mother is a lawyer.**

**5.  Berman is a difficult language to master however, if you plan to be a scientist, you may want to study this language.**

**6.  The roof was leaking, and the walls were sagging therefore, the Smiths hired a contractor to repair the house.**

**7.  I've seen photos of Paris, France London, England and Rome, Italy.**

**8.  This case needs more investigation I'll put someone on it.**

**9.  Anne is going to Japan this summer therefore, she is studying Japanese now.**

**10.  On our vacation, we drove through San Francisco, California Salt Lake City, Utah and Jackson, Wyoming.**